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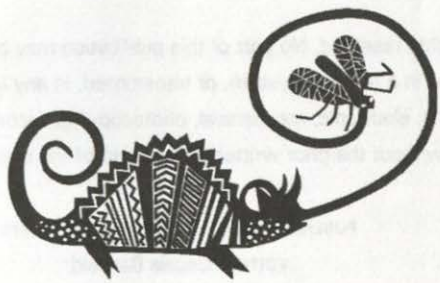


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I dedicate this book to my friend,

CREDO MUTWA

because without your inspiration and
encouragement this book would still be a dream.



Would you like to feel closer to Africa?

African American slaves were alienated from the connection with their ancestors and the mystic power of the land. The acclaimed African American author, Zora Neale Hurston, wrote:

'A name is not simply a sound made into the empty air ... a name is a thing so precious among our people that we believe very strongly that it possesses magical properties which are bestowed upon you.'

In ***African Names – Reclaim Your Heritage*** you will find a name for your child, or yourself, that you truly believe will reflect both heritage and personality. Inside you will discover names from all corners of Africa, complete with their meanings and origins.

SAMAKI (Sharon Bernhardt) was born in London but came to Africa when she was a year old. For the following five years she lived in the remotest parts of southern and east Africa. During this time she spoke the relevant local language and was barely able to converse in English at all. Encouraged by one of her dearest friends, Credo Mutwa, she has fulfilled a lifelong ambition in writing this book. Samaki is an accomplished graphic designer and was inspired by her surroundings to create the charming artwork for this book.

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